

What is Claimed Is:

1. A sentinel event reduction door comprising a trapezoidally-shaped panel comprising four sides;

a continuous hinge connected to the panel along substantially the full length of a first side thereof, the first side defining a substantially straight line;

a second side of the panel adjacent the first side, the second side defining a substantially straight line, wherein the angle defined by the intersection of the first and second sides of the panel is an acute angle; and

a third side of the panel, substantially parallel to and on the opposite side of the panel from the first side, wherein the third side comprises a pliable material attached thereto.

2. A sentinel event reduction door as described in claim 1, wherein the angle defined by the intersection of the first and second sides of the panel is in the range of about 45° to about 65°.

3. A sentinel event reduction door as described in claim 1, wherein the angle defined by the intersection of the first and second sides of the panel is about 55°.

4. A sentinel event reduction door as described in claim 1, wherein the pliable material attached to the third side of the panel is a rubber gasket.

5. A sentinel event reduction door as described in claim 4, wherein the rubber gasket has a width of at least about three inches.

6. A sentinel event reduction system comprising;
a door frame defining a doorway;
a door hung on the door frame;
the door comprising a trapezoidally-shaped panel comprising four sides; a continuous hinge connected to the panel along substantially the full length of a first side thereof, the first side defining a substantially straight line; and a top side of the panel adjacent the first side, the top side defining a substantially straight line, wherein the angle defined by the intersection of the first and top sides of the panel is an acute angle;

wherein the doorway has a length and width that are larger than the greatest length and width defined by the door panel and further wherein openings are defined by the top of the door and the door frame and by the bottom of the door and the door frame.

7. A sentinel event reduction system as described in claim 6, wherein the door panel comprises a third side substantially parallel to and on the opposite side of the panel from the first side, wherein the third side comprises a pliable material attached thereto.

8. A sentinel event reduction system as described in claim 6, wherein the angle defined by the intersection of the first and second sides of the panel is in the range of about 45° to about 65°.

9. A sentinel event reduction system as described in claim 6, wherein the angle defined by the intersection of the first and second sides of the panel is in the range of about 45° to about 55°.

10. A sentinel event reduction system as described in claim 6, wherein the pliable material attached to the third side of the panel is a rubber gasket.

11. A sentinel event reduction system as described in claim 10, wherein the rubber gasket has a width of at least about three inches.

12. A sentinel event reduction system as described in claim 6, wherein the opening defined by the top of the door and the door frame has a height of at least about twelve inches across the entire width of the opening.

13. A sentinel event reduction system as described in claim 6, wherein the opening defined by the bottom of the door and the door frame has a height of at least about six inches across the entire width of the opening.

14. A sentinel event reduction system as described in claim 6, wherein the door frame is substantially rectangular-shaped.